

# Connect to your COVID-19 Vaccine: Frontline Essential Workers

**The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector** is an online tool for Minnesotans to connect to vaccine opportunities in their area when they become available. It is designed to gather information regarding individual readiness for COVID-19 vaccination and connect you to vaccine opportunities in your area. By filling out the form, you are signing up to stay updated on vaccine opportunities in your area when they become available. You are also signing up for an opportunity to be randomly selected to make an appointment at one of Minnesota's no-cost community vaccination clinics as those opportunities may become available to frontline essential workers. Some frontline essential workers may have other vaccine opportunities become available through their employer which could be communicated separately from the Vaccine Connector.

## Who should use the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector?

All Minnesotans who have not yet been vaccinated should use the COVID-19 Vaccine Connector to stay updated on eligibility and connect to vaccine opportunities in their local communities. **If you registered to be randomly selected to receive a vaccine through either the COVID-19 Vaccine Pilot Program or the [COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program](#), you do not need to re-submit your information.**

Certain frontline workers are in higher prioritization groups due to a greater risk of infection while at work. In order to assess whether your job sector has been (or will be) prioritized for early vaccination, the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will ask you questions about your job. You will get updates as vaccine opportunities for workers in your sector become available. Please be patient and remember that vaccine opportunities will expand as supply increases.

Workers in the following frontline sectors may be eligible for higher vaccine prioritization now or in the future, as defined by the [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Advisory Group](#):

- Banking and finance
- Education and child care
- Construction and building
- Correctional setting including jails, prisons, juvenile justice
- Energy
- Food production and agriculture (food processing, meatpacking, animal and crop agricultural work)
- Food service such as restaurant, bar, and café
- Grocery and food distribution (does not include restaurant or bar staff)
- Higher education
- Information technology and communications
- Legal
- Manufacturing of primary metals machinery, electrical equipment, appliances and components
- Media
- Public transportation including bus, train, and vanpool/carshare
- State and federal judicial staff
- Transportation and logistics
- U.S. postal service
- Water and wastewater treatment

## Who can get vaccinated now?

Demand for vaccine far exceeds supply, and we encourage Minnesotans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead.

In Minnesota right now, you are eligible to get vaccinated if you are a:

- Minnesotan age 65 or older
- Health care worker
- Long-term care resident or staff member
- Pre-kindergarten through Adult Basic and Community Education school staff member, or contracted school staff member
- Child care staff member at a licensed and certified child care center or program

## What happens after I fill out the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector form?

As more vaccine becomes available, the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will send you updates about your COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Minnesota. Frontline essential workers may hear from their local public health agency, employer, state-sponsored community vaccination site, or state vaccination partner about when and where they can get vaccinated. Workers who are immediately eligible can expect to receive information soon.

It's important to note that if you are eligible to get vaccinated right now, you do not have to wait for information from the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector before you get your shot. If your health care provider contacts you about making an appointment, or if you have another opportunity to get vaccinated, you can and should do that. Minnesotans age 65 and older can find additional vaccine opportunities by using the [Vaccine Locator map](#), or by contacting their regular health care provider directly.

In the months ahead as vaccine supply increases, the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will make it easier than ever to get a shot. Before and after you are vaccinated, it's important to continue to take simple steps to slow the spread of illness by wearing a mask, staying 6 feet away from others, washing your hands, and staying home whenever possible

For more information, please visit <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/>.